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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

THOMPSON ET AL.

Examiner

Jeoyuh Lin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 9, 10, 12-18, and 20-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8, 11, and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 7. 20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

-Claims 4-7, 9, 10, 12-18, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cornacchia et al. (Pat. # 5,472,403)

Cornacchia et al. teaches a device for automatic injection of radionuclide, comprising a drive mechanism, (column 2, lines 5-10) two fluid containers, (column 2, lines 1-66), a control device, (column 2, lines 10-20), a syringe, (column 4, line 66), having phases, where the first phase comprises a flushing phase and the second phase comprising a contrast medium phase (column 2, lines 20-26), wherein the phases are defined by at least two injection parameters selected from fluid rate, fluid volume, and injection duration (column 5, lines 5-60), having a pre-programmed hold phase (column 5, lines 28-50), having a indefinite hold phase duration as sum of predetermined time period (column 7, lines 1-35), which allows the operator to modify injection parameters, and repetition of phases, which depends on whether seizure is still ongoing (column 7, lines 40-50).

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claim 8, 11, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Uber III et al. ('239) teaches a patient infusion system for use with MRI comprising syringes, drive motor, and control.


-Rubinstein ('239) teaches a fluid injection system comprising a pair of reservoirs, injection of flush and contrast dye solution, and delay time before injection.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeoyuh Lin whose telephone number is (703) 306-5990. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9 am - 5 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Marvin Lateef, can be reached at (703) 308-3256. The fax number for this Group is (703) 308-0758.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

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